Name of the Circle	Quoted Levy By HI Bidder (Amount in	Reasonable Levy Rupees crores)	Remarks
GUJARAT	15085.00	3369.93	Vacated by HI bidder . due to capping. Included in the second round of financial bids.
HARYANA	4060.00	1312.76	This bid has been accepted.
HIMACHAL	1.785	323.84	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
KERALA	9555.00	7880.58	Vacated by HI bidder due to capping. Included in the second round of financial bids.
M.P.	29.40	897.43	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
MAHARASHTRA	13909.00	10950.24	This bid has been accepted.
NORTH EAST	1.785	145.57	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
ORISSA	2065.00	692.46	This bid has been accepted.
PUNJAB	9065.00	2287.33	Vacated by HI bidder due to capping. Included in the second round of financial bids.
TAMIL NADU	4520.25	8208.20	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
UP EAST	13.65	1924.44	HI bid not accepted. This circle is included in the second round of financial bids.
UP WEST	6580.00	2767.01	This bid has been accepted.
WEST BENGAL	9065.00	4226.77	Vacated by HI bidder due to capping. Included in the second round of financial bids.

NOTE 1. Reasonable Price reduced by 10% in the case of B category Circles and 25% in the case of C category Circles and converted into NPV has been kept as the reserve price in the second round of financial bids.

NOTE 2. In the case of Punjab Circle, the reserve price has been kept as the NPV of the quoted levy of H2 bidder since that is higher than the reasonable price worked out by the department.

New visa procedure of the U.S.

*155. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by Indian businessmen in obtaining the U.S. visa due to new visa procedures of that country;

(b) Whether Government have taken up the matter with the U.S. Government; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the U.S. Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have taken up the matter with the US Government at various levels, both in India and the US.

(c) The US Government has taken due note of our concern and has assured that efforts continue by the consular officers in the US Mission/Posts in India to improve the efficiency of the visa process. They have, however, maintained that business visas, which constitute the principal non-immigrant category of the total visas issued in India, have approval ratings which are much higher than the general visa category.

Restrictions on bottling and blending units for IMFL/CL in Silvassa in Dadra and Nagar Haveli

*156. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have issued any orders/instructions to the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli imposing any restriotions on the setting up of bottling and blending units for IMFiyCL in the approved industrial areas of Silvassa;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of these guidelines/orders/instructions;

(c) whether such orders/instructions would restrict the revenue of the UT administration besides employment to the local community; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to revoke/rescind these orders/instructions specially in view of tax holidays provided to this UT administration by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Review of centre-state relations

*157. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of liberlization of economy and rapid economic changes with increasing responsibilities of State Governments, a fresh review of Centre-State Relations has been undertaken; and

(b) if so, what decisions have been taken in the light thereof and the steps taken in pursuance of these decisions?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The various aspects of Centre-State relations as brought out in the Sarkaria Commission report are currently being examined by a Sub-Committee of the Inter-State Council. It is expected that the examination of the report would take into account the evolving situation.

Allotment of STD/ISD/PCO booths to unemployed and handicapped youths in Hyderabad

*158. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to release one thousand STD/ISD/PCOs to unemployed and handicapped youths in Hyderabad in 1995-96;

(b) if so, what is the status of this proposal; and

(c) whether applications have been received so far, if so the number thereof and how many have been screened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) 5433 applications were received which have been screened by the PCO allotment Committee in October, 1995.